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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED], O/DDCI

SUBJECT : Status of Tazewell Shepard Study

1. From informal inquiry, I learn that the so-called Shepard report on the Western Pacific-Indian Ocean basin was finished by the Navy study group about two weeks ago and submitted to a naval advisory committee for approval. The committee had problems with it and sent it back for more work. The revised draft will not be finished for about a month.

2. The Shepard study was requested by Paul Nitze while he was Secretary of the Navy and it predates General Wood's exercise. As far as the Navy is concerned, the groups are addressing related but somewhat different problems: the Shepard study concentrates on the question of unit deployment and the problems that various alternatives pose; the Wood group is concerned with broader policy questions of future basing requirements. General Wood has been given an interim report of the Shepard group and will get the final version as well. We have been promised a copy of the final approved report.

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